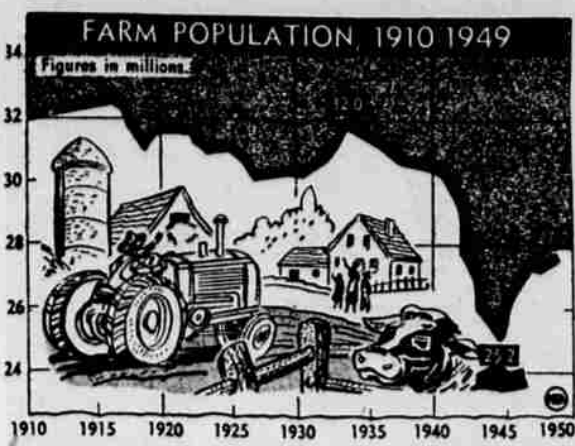




The new chart above, based on data from the Department of Agriculture, shows how the U. S. farm population declined steadily from a 1933 depression peak of 32,000,000 to 25,000,000 in 1945, then climbed back to 27,000,000 by 1949. Improved business conditions after 1933 caused a steady migration from the farms. World War II hastened the trend, as millions left the farms for city war plants or the armed forces. Farm population today appears to be leveling off about midway between the prewar normal and the wartime low.

Vegetable Study Set In Motion

An expanded vegetable crops research program which will involve tests of more than 800 vegetable varieties and breeding lines has been initiated by the OSC agricultural experiment station. The new long-range program includes two major projects designed to keep vegetable processors and producers abreast of the latest developments in the field.

One of the projects will be concentrated on improving vegetable crop varieties for processing and fresh market use through breeding, testing and selection. Food point of the second project is the nutritional practices. Selection of the problems to be studied was based on a field survey of vegetable growers and processing firms throughout the state.

The studies have been set up this spring under the direction of Dr. W. A. Frazier, who joined the experiment station staff last October after serving nine years as head of the department of vegetable crops at the University of Hawaii.

Behavior patterns of new vegetable varieties under test will be observed in the initial phase of the variety improvement project. Many of the varieties being tested are from England and the Scandinavian countries where climates are similar to that of the Willamette valley.

Now under observation are 100 bush bean varieties, 100 tomato varieties, 150 sweet corn breeding lines, and 140 onion breeding lines. Numerous smaller tests involve cantaloupe, watermelon, squash, lima beans, brussels sprouts, and cauliflower. Seven varieties of bush beans and seven strains of golden cross bantam corn have been selected for more intensive study.

Nutritional work in the first year will be centered around fertilizer practices with green beans. Fertilizer field test plots have been established on farms in the Portland and Salem areas. Emphasis will be on method, amount, time and ratio of nitrogen applications. Later studies will include fertilizer practices with phosphorus and potassium.

Two Glide Residents To Graduate At OSC

Two Glide residents, Wynn Oliver and Alfred Lee Pfeiffer, will graduate from Oregon State college at Corvallis tonight. Both are members of Alpha Sigma Phi social fraternity.

Oliver will graduate as a chemical engineer and plans to work in San Francisco. He is the son of R. B. Oliver, of Glide.

Pfeiffer, who will graduate as a business major, will reside in Salem where he has been employed by the state public utility commission. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Pfeiffer, of Glide.

Both graduated from Glide high school in 1945.

Upward Trend In Meat Prices Shown Again

By The Associated Press
The upward trend in meat prices resumed last week after faltering shortly before the Memorial day holiday.

Some pork items at mid-week were two to four cents a pound lower than the previous weekend in many competitive stores, but the reductions were expected to be short-lived because wholesale quotations were working higher.

Beef, lamb and veal all edged irregularly higher in most places, reflecting firmer wholesale prices. Market experts in Chicago offered a variety of reasons for the persistent climb. Meat supplies are seasonally smaller, while consumer demand has been maintained longer than usual by the late spring, they said.

Also, livestock producers are watching stockyard figures closer so as to avoid depressing prices by overloading the market, analysts noted. Summer resorts and eating places are buying more heavily for the vacation trade, too.

Top grade eggs turned higher in many places for the first time in several weeks, but the advances were mostly restricted to one or two cents a dozen.

However, fryer and broiler chickens were off as much as four cents a pound in several marketing centers as supplies increased.

Nearly all the price changes in produce items were downward, and centered on fresh vegetables becoming more abundant from nearby truck gardens.

Wheat Crop Less
Senator Elmer Thomas (D-Okla.), chairman of the Senate agriculture committee, issued a statement last week saying the nation's total wheat crop may be under the billion-bushel mark for the first time in years. But because of a substantial carryover of wheat, we have enough to meet domestic and export needs and there need be no repetition this year of the sharp food price rise which followed the corn crop failure in 1947, Thomas said.

The Agriculture department announced the Torquay conference. It also has authority to fix absolute quotas or bar imports entirely, although there is not precedent for such a step under present or prior treaties.

Public Welfare Cases Approved

The Douglas County Public Welfare commission, at its meeting this week, approved 18 additional old age assistance applications and denied four, and approved 10 aid to dependent children cases, denying six. The cases approved were provided for in the July budget.

The county's share of the budget setup for the period July 1 to Sept. 30 will total \$33,130.75. Of this amount \$12,120 will be for general assistance; \$13,500 for old age assistance; \$7,350 for aid to dependent children, and \$160.75 aid to the blind.

The total amount spent for April, the report showed was \$51,938.84, which includes funds from the county, state and federal sources.

The amount paid to the commission for April averaged \$51.09, which is slightly below the state average of \$53.34, but over the state requirement of \$50. Aid to dependent children averaged \$13.41, and aid to the blind averaged \$41.86.

RE-ENLISTS IN ARMY

Pvt. Robert D. LeBlanc, 19, of Roseburg, has re-enlisted in the U. S. army for a career service and is now with Headquarters company, 3rd battalion, 22nd Infantry regiment, of the fighting Fourth division at Fort Ord, Calif., pending further assignment. Pvt. LeBlanc has served one year with the army in the ordnance department. He hopes to make a career in the engineer corps with the army. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert LeBlanc of 512 E. Commercial Ave., Roseburg.

He would cooperate throughout June with milk producers and distributors in a program to boost consumption of milk and dairy foods. May and June are peak supply months for milk, and total milk output this year may exceed the previous record of 121,500,000 pounds (in 1945) if we have normal weather, the department said.

The price of milk delivered to homes in 24 cities averaged about five percent lower in the first quarter this year than in the same 1949 period, and was still lower in April and May.

The Dun & Bradstreet wholesale food price index last week climbed four cents from a week ago to \$5.94—highest since Jan. 25, 1949, and 3.5 percent above a year ago. The index represents the total cost at wholesale of a pound each of 31 general use foods.

Closing Dates Set For Breeder Show

Closing dates have been set for entries to the purebred and commercial Angus sales to be held in conjunction with the first national rancher and breeder show at the Ak-Sar-Ben in Omaha on Oct. 5. This announcement was made recently by P. K. Pratt of Walnut, Ia., who will act as manager of the sales.

During the national Aberdeen-Angus rancher and breeder show, there will be two sales of cattle. There will be an auction of pens of two bulls and pens of 15 commercial Angus heifers at the Omaha stockyards during the morning of Oct. 5. Entries for the pens of 15 commercial heifers will close on Sept. 15.

Research Role In Agriculture Noted In Report

The significant role that research plays in the agricultural development of Oregon is reviewed in the new annual report of the OSC experiment station and its 16 branch stations and experimental areas located across the state.

Titled "Oregon's Agricultural Progress Through Research," the report summarizes in readable form the achievements and activities of the experiment station last year. Nearly 50 photos illustrating research results are included in the 140-page publication.

Major sections of the report deal with field, forage and seed crops; horticultural crops; soil and water conservation; livestock; dairy production and processing; poultry; wild life and marine; and home economics.

"The impact of a population growth in Oregon of more than 50 percent during the past 10 years is being felt in agriculture as well as in an expanded industry," William A. Schoenfeld, dean and director of agriculture, points out in the foreword.

"Oregon's agriculture is rapidly becoming more intensive and more highly specialized. This situation creates a 'pressure' on the land with more soil management problems, more insect pests, more plant and animal diseases, and many other problems of a wide variety."

The results of research undertakings, though not always obvious, are of tremendous importance and return substantial dividends on funds invested, the dean explains.

The report was prepared by Sam H. Bailey, experiment station editor, and Norville R. Gish, assistant.

Funeral Services Set For Robert Gibson, 13

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. for Robert Lawrence Gibson, 13, of Oakland, who died Tuesday evening from accidental gunshot wounds.

The services will be held in the Oakland Christian church, with Rev. Bristol officiating. Interment will be in the I.O.O.F. cemetery. Stearns Mortuary, Oakland, is in charge.

He was born in Portland Oct. 8, 1936, and had made his home in Oakland the last four years. He had been active in school work and athletics and was a Boy Scout. Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence K. Gibson; sisters and a brother, Vivian R. of Portland; David C. and Tamara K., both of Oakland.

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Washington, Canadian Fruit Crops Are Less

KELOWNA, B. C., (AP)—Housewives hereabouts can expect to pay high prices for this year's fresh fruit.

Competent authorities say that the year's soft fruit crop in this area will be less than five percent of what it was last year.

Peaches, apricots and cherries in the Okanagan valley, center of the provincial fruit-export industry, suffered nearly 100 percent casualties during the winter. Thousands of trees suffered permanent damage.

The situation, authorities said, is the same throughout much of the Washington fruit-growing area. Hardly any of this year's small crop is expected to go to the canneries. Nearly all will go into the fresh fruit market.

CHILDREN URGED TO EXHIBIT

A special feature of the Rose Show to be held Wednesday, June 7 at the Methodist church will be a display of arrangements prepared by children. Any child may enter a display and parents are urged to encourage their youngsters to participate. Entries should be at the display room by 9:30 a.m. Wednesday.

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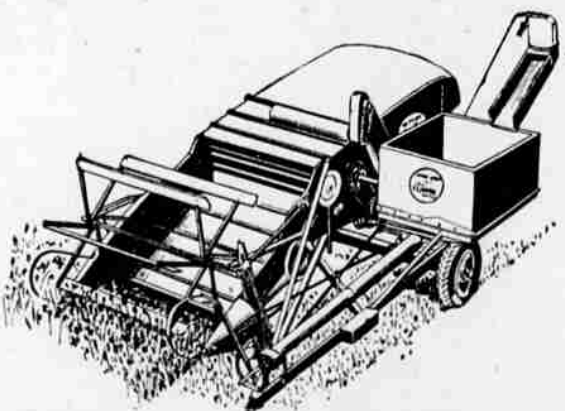
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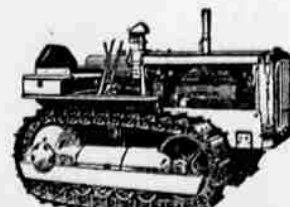
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